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H. R. 7298

To amend the Federal Public Transportation Act of 2012 to alter project eligibility for the transit-oriented development planning grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2026

Ms. SIMON (for herself and Ms. JACOBS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Connecting Commu-
5 nities Through Transit Planning Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVEL-**
2 **OPMENT PLANNING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 20005(b) of the Federal
4 Public Transportation Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 5303 note)
5 is amended—

6 (1) in the subsection heading by striking
7 “PILOT PROGRAM” and inserting “GRANT PRO-
8 GRAM”;

9 (2) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (A) by striking
11 “means a new fixed guideway capital project or
12 a core capacity improvement project, as those
13 terms are defined in section 5309 of title 49,
14 United States Code, as amended by this divi-
15 sion.” and inserting “means—

16 “(i) a new fixed guideway capital
17 project or a fixed guideway bus rapid tran-
18 sit project, as those terms are defined in
19 section 5309; or

20 “(ii) a corridor-based capital invest-
21 ment in an existing fixed guideway sys-
22 tem.”; and

23 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
24 serting the following:

25 “(B) PREDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.—The
26 term ‘predevelopment activities’ includes plan-

ning, site evaluation, engineering and architectural design, community engagement, feasibility studies, utility coordination, accessibility assessments, and other activities necessary to prepare a site for transit-oriented development.”;

(3) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

(A) by inserting “and predevelopment activities” after “planning”;

(B) in subparagraph (E)—

(i) by striking “infrastructure” and inserting “and address infrastructure and utility”; and

(ii) by striking “and” at the end;

(C) in subparagraph (F) by striking the period at the end; and

(D) by inserting at the end the following:

“(G) support predevelopment activities;

and

“(H) improve access to transit and transit-oriented development sites for all users, including individuals with disabilities, seniors, veterans, and other transit-dependent populations, to ensure people of all ages and abilities can safely and efficiently reach and navigate transit

1 stations and transit-oriented developments, in-
2 cluding through paratransit connectivity and bi-
3 cycle infrastructure.”;

4 (4) in paragraph (3)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (D) by inserting “and
6 predevelopment activities” after “plan”; and

7 (B) in subparagraph (E)(iii) by inserting
8 “and predevelopment activities” after “plan”;
9 and

10 (5) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In
12 addition to any amounts appropriated under section
13 5338, there is authorized to be appropriated to carry
14 out this subsection \$75,000,000 for each of fiscal
15 years 2027 through 2031.”.

16 (b) TRANSFER.—Section 20005(b) of the Federal
17 Public Transportation Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 5303 note)
18 is transferred to appear as subsection (s) of section 5303
19 of title 49, United States Code.

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